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SUBJECT Reorganization of Defense Ministry

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1. The reorganization of the Czechoslovak General Staff and Defense Ministry is now in progress.
2. Major Gen. Miroslav Šmolíček, former Vice Minister of National Defense, who was relegated to the command of the High Technical Military Academy at Brno, will be brought back to active service as commander of the Second Military District in Moravia.
3. Lt. Gen. Václav Tchoř, former Vice Minister of Defense, who has been awaiting orders for several months, will be completely rehabilitated and charged with directing the commission for the production of war materiel and fortifications.
4. Lt. Gen. Juraj Tokáč, former commander at Bratislava, will have charge of liaison between the office of the Soviet military attaché, N. I. Gusev, and the Czechoslovak General Staff. Gen. Tokáč is a Slovak by nationality, but a Soviet citizen.
5. Col. Gen. Janek Hruška, Vice Minister of Defense, will be retired, and the SVARM, of which he was the head, will be reorganized. The situation of Col. Gen. Václav Kratochvíl is in a state of revision.
6. The new organization will include Col. Gen. Bohumil Lomský as First Vice Minister of National Defense; Maj. Gen. Jan Zeman as head of political administration of the army, and Col. Gen. Karel Keger, as head of military information.

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7. New commanders of the four military districts will be named. Two for promotion are Col. Gen. Karel Hecke in the First District, Lt. Gen. Karel Hecke, of the political administrative office, Maj. Gen. Vladimir Junko of the Motor-Mechanized Army, and Maj. Gen. Jan Barto of the Fourth District.
8. The new commission for atomic arms will be set up very soon at Košice. This commission will be under the command of the Fourth District, which in principle is organized by Soviet officers. The list of officers has not yet been drawn, and must be approved by the Soviets when submitted.

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